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For news updated daily see www.inportnews.ca**■ NEW PROJECT**

Turbines planned for Wellandport

DAVE JOHNSON
InPort News Staff

WAINFLEET — A company that received approval for a 230-megawatt, wind-power project in West Lincoln plans to install turbines in the northwest area of Wainfleet.

But before those turbines are installed, the company will meet with local municipalities and community groups across the area, said Niagara Region Wind Corp. spokesman Randi Rahamin.

Both West Lincoln and Wainfleet have called for moratoriums on wind turbine installation until more information on possible health effects, property value impact and other issues is made available or more studies are carried out.

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■ PORT CARES: Paying for expansion

Pam Swick-Janac, Port Cares development officer; Claudia Brema, chair of fund development, and Lynda Reinhart, executive director, display a new thermometer sign that will track the progress of the organization's Reaching Out and Changing Lives campaign, which raises money to expand the Reach Out Centre at 61 Nickel St. in Port Colborne.

Thermometer keeps heat on campaign

LINDSAY COSTELLO
For InPort News

PORT COLBORNE — Port Cares continues to work to ensure its residents have food in their bellies and their feet on the ground.

The Port Cares capital campaign, Reaching Out and Changing Lives, raises money to help fund an expansion at Port Colborne's Reach Out Centre at 61 Nickel St.

The expansion's result will be a new community food centre that will include an industrial kitchen, office space, increased capacity in the dining area and ample space for food items used for both the food bank and the meal program.

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■ TURBINES

Company recognizes impact

FROM PAGE 1

Rahamim said Niagara Region Wind Corp., which received a feed-in-tariff contract from the Ontario Power Authority in February, plans to conduct a public-awareness campaign to let people know what the project is about and what wind power means.

With approximately 80 turbines for West Lincoln and parts of Wainfleet and Halton County, the company recognizes there will be an impact on the community and municipalities, Rahamim said.

"We're looking at a revenue-sharing approach where we can give back to the community. A percentage of the revenue from the project will be given back to the community and it will decide how the money should be spent."

Rahamim said in the short-term alone, there will be 100 jobs created from the anticipated two-year construction phase. When construction is complete, there will be 40 full-time jobs to keep the turbines operational.

The \$600-million project will see materials, such as concrete and steel, sourced locally and inject \$36 million in land-lease



DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photo

Wind turbines, like this one in Lowbanks, could start popping up in Wellandport. Niagara Region Wind Corp. received approval for a 230-megawatt, wind-power project in West Lincoln plans to install turbines in the northwest area of Wainfleet.

payments over its 20-year span.

Those payments, Rahamim said, will help supplement the income of landowners who have the turbines on their properties.

As for concerns over the impact turbines will have on property values of surrounding homes in the Wellandport area of Wainfleet, she said information the company has does

not show a causal relationship between the two.

"We'll commission a study that will review the property value impact in Haltonmid. It's the nearest community we can measure through tax assessment."

Rahamim spoke about the health concern issue that has been raised over turbines and said both the provincial and regional medical officers of health have found

no relationship, however, she said the company plans to listen to residents' concerns and to take away the fear and stigma associated with wind power and wind turbines.

Public open houses will be held, though no dates have been set as yet. The company has already met with Wainfleet Mayor April Jeffs to inform her of the

Port Cares must raise \$335,000 for project

FROM PAGE 1

Although Port Cares has received \$335,000 with funds from federal and provincial governments, it must raise an additional \$335,000 in order to complete the project.

With six months left in the campaign, \$150,000 has already been raised.

Money was raised through various Port Cares events and donations from the community, board members, also seeking support from business and applying for grants.

Port Cares executive director Lynda Reinhart said fundraising began in the fall and she would like to see the campaign finished by this summer, adding she expects the new food centre to open in June.

A thermometer sign, donated by NewPort signs, now hangs on the Port Cares building at 92 Charlotte St. to track the campaign's progress. Now its time to turn the heat up.

Lindsay Costello is a Niagara College journalism student on a work placement at InPort News.



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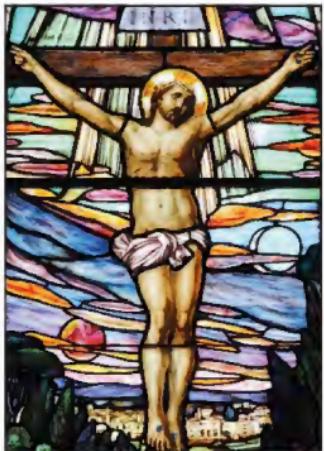
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Panes of glory

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Stained glass windows depicting various religious scenes are shown inside St. Patrick's Church on King St. Some of the windows in the church were added sometime after the original church was opened in 1880.



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ourview

Project underway

Shovels could be in the ground as early as May for Port Colborne's new health and wellness centre.

During a special meeting last week council voted to award the building contract to Aquilon Construction at a cost of \$26,726,000 — the lowest of five tenders.

The health and wellness project — which will include two arenas, a swimming and therapeutic pool, and a walking track, and fitness and bocce court outside — has been around for more than a decade and we're glad to see it finally underway.

Debates over the centre has been ongoing for the past few years and our city and the city inched closer and closer to realizing construction.

Even during the special meeting last week, Ward 1 Coun. Dave Elliott wanted to see the field house removed from the project.

"It's too big, too much. It's going to handicap the city financially," Elliott's said of the project, adding he didn't want to see Port Colborne's hydro funds depleted to support the build.

Elliott also said he had difficulty supporting the size of the project because of the lack of growth in the city over the past 20 years.

It's a valid concern, but one Ward 2 Coun. Angie Desmarais said comes because the city lacks a facility like the one proposed.

We agree with Desmarais. If you don't have facilities to attract people, then why would they move here? You need something for people to do and somewhere for them to go.

"We need a facility our children can grow in," Desmarais said, adding the centre will fit the needs of the citizens of Port Colborne.

The new facility will fit the needs of residents nicely. The city with its new arena and a swimming pool, like it does now. But instead of aging facilities well past their years, the city will have a brand new one that will last for many years and be enjoyed by young and old alike.

Can't wait until the new facility opens.

Cast your vote

The city is moving around in the rankings to become Canada's Ultimate Fishing Town and votes are still needed to push it to No. 1, says Stephen Thompson, Port Colborne's general manager and director of economic development, tourism and marketing.

We know the city is a great fishing town.

Smallmouth bass, trout, perch, walleye, muskie and other species can all be found just off the shores of the city and some close in to shore.

We're encouraging everyone to get to the website — www.wmwfishingtown.ca/vote-view.php?town=port+colbornewtype=search — and vote for the city.

I'VE BEEN THINKING

Thinking about Easter: 'He has been raised'

PASTOR JEEVA SAM

Morgan's Point and Forks Road
United Churches

According to an ancient tradition, Easter is the biggest joke that God played on the Devil, every sermon/talk/column on Easter must begin with a joke. I dare not disregard so sacrosanct a tradition!

There are people who greeted at the Pearly Gates by St. Peter who tells them they can enter upon answering the question: "What is Easter?"

Candidate No. 1 replies: "That's when we cook a turkey and give thanks." Peter fronts.

The next one says: "It's when Jesus came to earth as a baby, with angels, shepherds and the Wise Guys." Peter is disgusted by this display of ignorance and No. 3 pipes up: "Easter is when Jesus was crucified and his soul lay buried in a tomb for three days." The apostle's face lights up as our candidate continues: "Then he rises from the dead, and if he sees his shadow, it means we have six more weeks of winter!"

That's when St. Peter faltered!

Actually this joke may not be all that far-fetched. Three years ago, British supermarket chain Sainsbury issued a press release which said: "Brits will on average be enjoying 3.5 (chocolate) eggs each over the Easter weekend alone. But

over a quarter don't know why handing them out symbolizes the birth of Jesus."

Shortly thereafter, the company re-issued the release with an apology in which Easter was described as the "re-birth of Jesus." Shocked that the amendment did not actually make amends, Somerfield's public relations firm contacted the Church of England. Here is a church official's (under) statement: "I chatted with them that it would probably be best to call Easter as a celebration of Christ's resurrection rather than his birth." Hence the third press release which finally wiped the (Easter) egg off Somerfield's corporate face.

Several years ago I quizzed young children in church about the meaning of Easter. Perhaps it wouldn't surprise you to learn that the Easter Bunny and egg hunt dominated the responses. Now you know why such quizzing is not part of my Easter tradition.

How about adults? According to a recent survey by the Barna Group, 42% of Americans said that the meaning of Easter was the resurrection of Jesus, 2% said that Easter is about the "birth of Christ" while another 2% indicated it was about the "rebirth of Jesus" (hello, Somerfield!)

Some simply celebrate Easter as a festival of new life, replete with symbols such as baby chicks, lilies and butterflies, with no reference to the

bodily resurrection of Jesus whatsoever. Others claim that he lives, but only in the memory of his followers.

The Biblical record, though, is very clear about what Easter is. On the third day after Jesus died and was buried, some women went to anoint his body with spices, as was the custom. When they got to the tomb, they found that the stone that sealed the entrance had been rolled away and the tomb was empty. Angels before them said: "It is not here. He has been raised!"

Shortly thereafter, the Risen Jesus made personal appearances to Mary, some women and then to his disciples over a period of 40 days. He showed them his nail-pierced hands and wounded side (where a spear had been thrust on Friday) and invited Thomas to touch him (John 20:27). Matthew 28:9 we are told that they clasped his feet.

According to Luke 24:42, he ate a piece of broiled fish and honey. Clearly he was not just a Caspar of a Christ, a dismembered spirit being, but a full-blooded human with a fully functioning digestive system!

To quote John Updike in Seven Stanzas at Easter: "Make no mistake: If He rose at all it was as His body;

If the cells' dissolution did not reverse, the molecules reknit, the amino acids rekindle, the Church will fall."

And that ain't no joke.

readers' views

Council wastes time

I have to stop driving around the main section of Port Colborne looking for more store closures because it is perhaps like being on drugs, it is hard to stop.

With a partly new council I thought there might be some noses put to the grindstone in an effort to get something going in Port Colborne. That does not seem to be happening.

Instead, we have a couple of new councillors more interested in changing a park's name.

I have succeeded in renaming Victoria Park to East Side Community Park, what are we going to call us on the west side? After all we cannot be left out. We have a voice, too.

The above suggestion is the talk of the town. No one can believe it.

We pay high taxes here in Port Colborne and are going to be taxed an additional \$50 next year. For what? To sit

around and watch the town disappear because no one had the foresight to remedy the situation? Get off your butts and go after new factories and any business we can get. They will not come to you. You have to go after them.

Wm. R. Thompson
Port Colborne

Soup Fest a hot ticket

What a great event this year — 2011 is extra special as Port Cares celebrated its 10th anniversary.

We are thrilled with the response to our second annual Port Cares Soup Fest which saw an almost sold-out attendance at St. Patrick's Church in Port Colborne.

Everyone enjoyed the delicious soups and breads prepared by the amazing chefs and students from Lakeshore Catholic High, Port Colborne High and Niagara College. It is definitely an event you don't

want to miss next year ... the soups keep getting better and better.

This year proceeds will go directly to the Reaching Out & Changing Lives Capital Campaign which was initiated to enable the completion of renovations and an addition at the Port Cares Reach Out Centre at 61 Nickel St., Port Colborne.

Events like this happen only with the help of many and we are truly grateful to the individuals and businesses that willingly support Port Cares Soup Fest and make it such a success.

The board members, staff and volunteers of Port Cares know we can make a difference and with the support from our many partners in the community, continue to provide leadership, support and resources to improve quality of life in our community as we have for the past 25 years.

Pam Swick Janjac
Development officer, Port Cares

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■ HOLIDAY: Special occasions usually involve special traditions

Easter – it's a special time to celebrate



George Duma
BY GEORGE

Easter weekend is always special.

It goes back to childhood, being raised as a Roman Catholic in a Polish household.

Easter had a meaning unlike any other time of year. It is the highlight of the Christian calendar, more so than Christmas.

Although Christmas celebrates Christ's birthday, Easter celebrates the fact he died, but was then resurrected.

Back when we were kids, Easter brought with it an entire mood, a feel. It almost personified spring, in that if spring signals the rebirth of nature after a long winter, Easter celebrates Christ's rebirth after the crucifixion.

Growing up in Timmins' Parkdale district meant growing up in a neighbourhood where the predominant language was Polish.

Post-Second-World-War Polish immigrants flocked to the area, just east of the city's High Park and bounded by Bloor Street to the north, Lake Ontario to the south and Wellington Avenue to the east.

Snack dab in the middle was St. Casimir's Church on Roncesvalles Avenue, or

Parafia Sw. Kazimierza as it's known in Polish. It was the hub of Parkdale's Polish Catholic population.

It's where we went to Mass every Sunday.

It's where we went to Polish school two nights a week after our regular day at elementary school, to learn how to read and write in the language of our parents.

And it's where, on Holy Saturday, we went with baskets of food to have the Easter Sunday breakfast we would eat the next morning blessed by one of the parish priests in the church hall.

The problem, of course, didn't include the entire basket for the next day. But Mom would put together a sampling of some of the

items on the menu. There would be a hunk of sweet bread, some hard-boiled eggs, perhaps a piece of kielbasa or ham and some salt. This was then covered with white lines.

Upon arriving at the church hall, we would find the tables set up in a U-shape with the inside of the U away from us. We would all put our baskets on one of the tables and then stand back away from them.

Poles take special pride in preparing a decorative and tasteful basket with crisp linens, occasionally

embroidered for the occasion, and just enough boxwood and ribbon woven through the handle. Observing the beautiful foods and creations of other parishioners was always one of the special joys of the event.

Eventually, one of the priests would arrive to say a prayer and sprinkle holy water on all the baskets, as he made his way around the U. When he finished, we would all pick up our baskets and head home.

On Easter morning, a special Resurrection Mass

would be celebrated at St. Cas's. At this Mass, a procession of priests, altar boys and the rest of us would circle the church three times while the church bells would peal and the organ would be played for the first time since it had been silenced on Good Friday. Following the Mass, we would return home to breakfast.

It's a Polish tradition that the woman of the house doesn't cook on Easter Sunday. As a result, the lunch is all cold dishes.

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■ DUMA

Sunrise service a special tradition to look forward to

FROM PAGE 5

First Lutheran Church congregants and I attend every year.

It takes place out at St. Paul's Cemetery in Bethel at 7 a.m. each Easter morning. It's magical, being out there in the morning. We've been fortunate enough to have sun more often than not on those mornings, so we're literally a sun-rise service.

On the middle of the table there would be an array of coloured eggs, cold meats, coils of sausages, ham, bread and a lamb made of straw.

Mom would always have a creamy horseradish sauce as well as her infamous beets with horseradish as the condiments for the day.

Before the meal actually began, we would indulge in the age-old tradition of shaking the eggs with one another and with each other good health and happiness for the rest of the year with hugs and kisses.

They were joyous times, those Easters of long ago.

But things change and some traditions change along with them.

One of my favourite current traditions involves the Easter sunrise service many of my fellow

Traditions are those constants in life that bring the "special" to special occasions.

So whatever this weekend brings your way, and whatever your personal traditions involve, may you have a happy, joyous Easter.

George Duma is a resident of Port Colborne and has spent 30 years in the newspaper business. He welcomes comments and column suggestions and can be reached at: gduma@cogeco.ca

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FESTIVAL OF ARTS



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Wilma Tennier, who is in charge of publicity for the Port Colborne Festival of the Arts, shows off her display of festival-related artifacts at the Port Colborne Library. The festival runs from April 30 to May 13.

What is the importance of healthy eating for denture wearers?

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In the Welland riding two more candidates have entered the race: Ron Walker, who is running for the Communist Party of Canada, and Ray Garner, who is running as an independent.

Walker is a retired automotive sector

worker and social justice lobbyist. Game is a master electrician who owns Ray Game Electric, a company at Mohawk College and used to be a millwright.

Five others are in the running are current NDP MP Malcolm Allen, Liberal candidate John Maloney, Conservative candidate Leanna Villetta, CHP candidate David VanGolen and Robin Jongbloed of the Green Party.

The Niagara West-Glanbrook riding is engaged in a five-way race for office that started early.

Contenders include sitting MP Dean Allison for the Conservatives, Liberal Stephen Blaikie, Sid Frey of the Green party, New Democrat Dave Heatley and CHP representative Bryan Jongbloed.

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■ EVENT IN JUNE

Up in the air with History in Motion air show

LINDSAY COSTELLO
For InPort News

WELLAND — Prepare for takeoff.

On June 11 and 12, Welland's 50th annual Rose Festival will present History in Motion, an air fly-in that will help preserve the history of aviation in the city.

Taking place at Welland Aero Center at Niagara Central Airport, the static, vintage air show will include opening ceremonies with a band and air cadets, as well as guest speakers.

Rose Festival director Michael Raymond said the event will be a learning experience for both young and

old. Geared towards educating youth, the two-day event will provide Niagara elementary school students with an interactive learning environment.

Grade 8 classes throughout Welland, Pelham, Port Colborne and Wainfleet will choose names of various aircraft and be responsible for

representing the plane they chose by creating a display and sharing what they've learned with the public. Lunch will be provided to the students, but Raymond said he is still looking into getting a sponsor to fund transportation to and from the event.

Pelham's Dorothy

Rungeling, one of the first female flight instructors who was based out of the Welland airport, will be on hand to give a presentation.

Raymond said he would like to have veterans attend the event and address the audience as well.

Mike Knapp Ford

Veteran Affairs will sponsor the event, but Raymond is looking for more sponsors.

For more information on Rose Festival events, visit www.wellandrosefestival.on.ca.

Lindsay Costello is a Niagara College journalism student on a work placement at InPort News.

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■ MENTAL HEALTH

Mobile research lab to study Port

MARYANNE FIRTH
InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — Port Colborne will be the first community under the microscope of a mobile research lab.

The Researching Health in Ontario Communities mobile project, facilitated by Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, will be launched in Port Colborne at the end of the month.

Researchers will bring the lab on wheels — the first of its kind in Canada — to study mental health and addictions in communities across Ontario.

The project will reach out to underserved populations in rural, remote and First Nations communities to help improve prevention and treatment services, said scientist Samantha Wells while presenting the project to city council Monday.

Social service agencies from the lake-side city provided "tremendous support" for the project concept, which made Port Colborne an ideal choice for the launch, Wells said.

Researchers will look at "various aspects of well-being in the community," such as stress, mental health, substance abuse and social support.

The CAMH team will advertise throughout the city and go door-to-door to recruit voluntary participants for the project. The hope is to attract a "diverse population of people," Wells said.

In the lab, researchers will conduct interviews and surveys, run focus groups and take hair, saliva or blood samples to measure stress or obtain genetic information. Volunteers have the right to refuse any portion of the research process, Wells said.

The launch for the project, including an open house where residents can have their questions answered, will take place Thursday, April 28, at Guild Hall, 72 Charlotte St., beginning at 3 p.m.

Advertising for the project will begin in May. Interested parties will be given a phone number to set up an appointment at the lab.

Following its stint in Port Colborne, the mobile lab will head to Welland.

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■ **HISTORY:** Name change doesn't mean importance is lost

New name for Victoria Park: it's East Village Community Park

MARYANNE FIRTH
InPort News Staff

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during a recent council meeting, the playground on the green space will retain the Victoria name.

Ward 2 Coun. Angie Desmarais — who brought the initial motion for the name change forward — said the east village community was happy to pay homage to the park's

history.

The plaque marking Victoria Playground currently on site will remain, and a new sign erected, in both English and French, declaring the area as East Village Community Park.

The compromise stresses the importance of holding onto history while also moving for-

ward, said Ward 2 Coun. Yvon Doucet.

An investigation by Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum determined the playground was donated to the city by Canada Furnace Co. Ltd. on Aug. 13, 1949.

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MARYANNE FIRTH Staff Photo

Marilyn Lehocki, Souzy Brunet-Rankin and Ward 2 councillors Angie Desmarais and Yvon Doucet visit Port Colborne's Victoria Park, which night has had its name officially changed to East Side Community Park.

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■ VOLUNTEERS

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FROM PAGE 15

Resident and community program manager Tammy Wright said all the volunteers work hard to ensure the residents live comfortably daily.

"The time they give to us is huge," Wright said. "And they do so with care and compassion. We're celebrating 13,000 hours of volunteerism with us. Their dedication will leave a lasting impression with us."



EDDIE CHAU Special to InPort News
About 125 volunteers from Northland Pointe Long Term Care Facility were honored for their years of service at a volunteer appreciation ceremony April 13 at the Guild Hall in Port Colborne. Pictured are Tammy Wright, Resident and Community Program Manager at Northland Pointe, 30 year volunteers Mary Koval, Colette Smyth and Margaret Van Doorn, along with Administrator Joy Misztal.



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■ CONTEST: Port angling to be top city

Cast your fishing vote

DAVE JOHNSON
 InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — The city is moving around in the rankings to become Canada's Ultimate Fishing Town and votes are still needed to push it to No. 1, says Stephen Thompson, Port Colborne's general manager and director of economic development, tourism and marketing.

"We're doing well in terms of votes ... but we need another 100 to 200 votes a day to get to where we need to be and move on to the next round. I think we can get there," he said.

The second annual Ultimate Fishing Town Canada contest is being run by World Fishing Network, a 24/7 television network, in more than 20 million households through North American cable, satellite and telecommunications distributors, dedicated to all segments of fishing with pro-

gramming that covers instruction, tips, tournaments, travel, food, boating, outdoor lifestyle and more.

The Ultimate Fishing Town Canada contest will see the winning town awarded \$25,000 to use in the community.

Port Colborne's entry on the contest website, submitted by Port Colborne and District Conservation Club, Chris Saulto, said the funds "would contribute to advancing four initiatives":

"Firstly, part of the money should go to the Port Colborne and District Conservation Club to enhance the work it does through its walleye hatchery program. Secondly, Sugarloaf Harbour Marina needs new water supply lines and the money should go to this effort. Thirdly, part of the prize should be spent on strengthening the tournaments in Port Colborne, attracting more participants and adding kids programs.

"Finally, part of the money should be invested in promoting the fishing opportunities that exist in Port Colborne — Canada's Ultimate Fishing Town."

In addition to Yellowica's entry, there are three more stories about the fishing opportunities off of Port Colborne on the site.

Brent Pirson's entry said, "all Port Colborne is right off of Lake Erie which has so many different types of fish that you can catch. It has a great boat launch at the marina off of the park and its just a great atmosphere";

Thompson said residents can vote up to four times a day on the city's entry at www.wfntv.ca-town.com/view-pitch.php?town=Port+Colborne&category=search.

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■ CAMP: Children go for free

Tim Hortons treat is for area youth

MARYANNE FIRTH
 InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — About 40 youths boarded a bus to fun last week, on their way to Tim Hortons Onondaga Farms in St. George.

On the off-chance she could gain sponsorship and send a few children to camp at no cost, Rita Smith wrote to the Tim Hortons Children's Foundation late last year. The youth co-ordinator at Community Living Port Colborne, Rita was shocked when she got a response, telling her to bring a bus load of kids to the Brantford-area camp for free.

"I couldn't believe it," Smith said, thrilled to be able to relay the news to local parents and youth.

Many of the children chosen to go on the weekend-long trip are participants in the Boys and Girls Club held at Community Living.

"This is the first time we've ever been able to do this," Smith said of the camp, adding for many youth this trip will be a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

"They've been hyped since Christmas," she said of the kids, who were anxiously waiting for the bus to depart.


MARYANNE FIRTH Staff Photo

Rita Smith, left, youth program co-ordinator for Community Living Port Colborne-Wainfleet, takes attendance as Jordan Domnelly, Jake Gammon and Eric Koudjis board a bus for a weekend trip to Tim Hortons Onondaga Farms in St. George.

During their three days at Onondaga Farms, the students, who ranged in age from six to 12, had the chance to go hiking, enjoy campfires and learn about astronomy and visit with the animals on site.

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